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Your Honor,

I have worked in Silicon Valley for 15 years and have personal contact with many high-tech companies. There is a very common theme and that is "fear of Microsoft". Microsoft has clearly abused their monopoly. There are companies that never get funded because they predict that Microsoft will not allow the competition. This is unhealthy for our economy! We need the best technology and the best software to have a chance to make it to the marketplace and to compete fairly there. This won't happen if Microsoft is somehow threatened by it. Microsoft has demonstrated its complete disregard for the law. They do not operate with honor or fairness in the marketplace. Please do what is right and needs to happen. Please break up this ruthless monopoly and force Microsoft to play by the rules of commerce, that govern our great country.

Sincerely,

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